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WASHINGTON, MARCH 30, 1860.

New York now sets March down as a winter month.

The Texas Germans don't appear to be nut-thirders.

The "seat snatches" open active operations to-day in the House. The ghouls are at work.

The next push will be to throw Mr. YOUNG out of his seat and place ANDREW CURTIN thereon. This is a big business.

BEN HILL has grown very generous since JESSIE RAYMOND and her infantile Washington for the South, and will call up the SPOFFORD-KELLOGG case on Monday.—Chicago Times.

The ice dealers in New York are laboring to get up a coolness between themselves and their customers by advancing ice to one cent a pound, or \$22.40 a ton by retail. It costs \$6 per ton wholesale.

THE Burlington *Hawkeye* pronounces the rumor that General GRANT will withdraw from the canvass as a little "too previous." How can he withdraw when he has in no degree made himself a candidate?

Those who oppose General GRANT's nomination are of course constantly bantling his chances, and yet State after State is declaring for him. Kentucky and Texas add forty delegates to his score.

If DONNELLY should be declared a Member of Congress by the present House he should at once draw his back pay, deposit it with an undertaker and go and hang him self, instead of occupying a stolen seat.

THE New York *Tribune* cannot see now why anybody wants General GRANT for President. It felt and thought just so in 1852. The people differed with it then, and will differ with it now—to their credit, be it said.

TO-DAY the Democrats propose to enter upon the Minnesota steal in the House in earnest. The country will soon be advised what desperation allied to dishonesty proposes to do. Let the worst come. It will only add another nail to the Democratic coffin.

SENATOR DAVIS, of Illinois, knows a thing or two. His Presidential aspirations are boundless, and though he lacks the support of the literary bureaus, yet he's "sly, sir—devilish sly." His bootblack at the National Hotel got married last week, and his dusky bride was presented by the Senator with a set of teaspoons worth \$9—all silver, too, at that. You may mark that family solid for DAVIS.

THE Hon. WALDO HUTCHINS has but recently come into Congress, and hence his entice has not been ecclesiastic by exposure. If he had been longer in the forum he would not be so sensitive about having the body of which he is a member characterized as "cowardly." That is among the mildest terms applied to it, as he will learn by experience, and it is no member's "privilege" to apply any of these epithets to himself personally.

WHERE are the KERNS family? One hundred years ago their family loaned to Holland a sum of money, to be repaid with interest in ninety-nine years. The KERNS then came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania. Some of their descendants are supposed to be hereabouts. We are anxious to make their acquaintance, in the money to be now paid them by the honest Dutch amount to \$200,000,000. The fact is, the more we learn about it the more do we think we are in the line of prime importance, and shall communicate with Amsterdam, Rotterdam &c. at the earliest opportunity. But we want more of the KERNS. In union there is strength.

It is now alleged that the most gross frauds are being practiced by the Democrats on the Republicans in the State of Delaware, in making up the assessment and voting lists. Through some practice of legerdemain they have started out to disenfranchise some 2,000 to 3,000 Republicans by leaving their names off the lists. While this is being done some 1,500 new names have been added by the assessors and the court, all of which is intended to make Democratic assurance doubly sure in little Delaware. There is really no need for this cheating and fraud, and it is no doubt indulged under the pretenses of a party which proposes to enact a stupendous fraud in the coming election, from one end of the country to the other. The friends of pure elections must be on the alert, or there will be no plumb line long enough to fathom the sea of fraud that the Democrats are preparing for the country.

THE Chicago *Tribune* illustrates its columns with what purports to be a representation of "the four great Stalwarts," but whether they are all from the same cut or are diverse in character no one can distinguish by looking at them, the artistic development is so obscure. However, the thing is explained when we find traced in bold, distinct characters, the words, "General U. S. GRANT," "EDWARD B. WASHBURN," "GEORGE F. EDGREN," "JAMES G. BLAINE." But for these indications they might as well be taken for "MARTIN."

"LUTHER," "JOHN ROGERS," "JOHN BROWN" and "COUNT DE LESSEPS." As a piece of enterprise this effort is admirable, but as a feat of art it is far behind this age. These defects, however, do not in the slightest degree affect the stalwart characters of the distinguished statesmen intended to have been represented.

A LESSON in civil-service competition in our Government may be learned from the Chinese even, over whom we are boastful of our superior civilization and policies of government. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says that "one great defect in the competitive system of civil service in China is that there is, of course, no limit to the number of candidates who may go up for examination, and the result is, what with the surplus visitors and the unsuccessful aspirants, who go on trying year after year until they become gray-haired old men, there exists a large non-producing class in the community, which acts as a dead weight upon the national prosperity." The experiences of China in the matter of competitive examinations for office and their results are rapidly becoming our own, so far as non-producers, idlers and consequent vagabonds in community are concerned.

THE SITUATION IN VIRGINIA.

Our friend of the Lynchburg *Virginian* has been in a state of quietude toward THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN for some time, and for the reason, perhaps, that it has not found it necessary to allude to its sayings and doings in terms of dissent; hence all has been quiet on the Potomac and in the mountains. Our friend, for whom we entertain a feeling of profound respect personally, while we abhor his politics, seems to be quite in the condition of the showman's lion who he said was always docile, except when irritated. We notice it as a characteristic of the *Virginian* that it does not tolerate a difference of opinion with a lamb-like sweetness of disposition. When we agree with it, as we often do, it is entirely placid in tone and temper, but when we take issue with its propositions, its quills stand on end like those of the fretful porcupine, and it becomes unhappy. For that reason we never dissent from its views and expressions without a feeling of regret.

The *Virginian* now expresses some surprise that the REPUBLICAN, though its sympathies were not at the inception of the Readjuster move in Virginia strictly in accord with it, is now somewhat gratified at the probable results of the organization. Very likely we shall not be able to secure from our contemporary a view of the case in consonance with that held by the REPUBLICAN from its standpoint. In the first place, the *Virginian* believes in the degeneracy, policies and methods of the Conservative or Bourbon party of that State, while we do not. We deprecate these as a whole, and rejoice when we see the power departing from Judah. We have favored the doctrine of an honest payment of all debts, whether public or private, but the people of Virginia in the readjustment of their debt seem to aim at a point as nearly honest as the circumstances of the case will admit, and we have no quarrel with it on account of readjustment, if that will accomplish another and a superior benefit to the State—the relegation of the so-called Conservative party to a subordinate position as a factor in State and National politics. We desire its consignment to a minority for the reason that on all questions relating to the National welfare that party exerts a deleterious influence upon the interests of the country. It clings with desperate tenacity to the dogmas of State sovereignty, but has borne the colored citizens into the very earth in so far as it has by unjust laws and improper influences despoiled him of his rights as a citizen. It has exercised its power arbitrarily and unjustly in securing and holding political advantage in the State, which it has secured by improper and unjust agencies. It sacrifices the public good to party interest. It has not only permitted, but it has encouraged and applauded gross frauds upon the elective franchise, and has secured local and Federal advantages through illegitimate agencies. It has secured delegations in Congress through ballot-box stuffing, intimidation and false counting, until it had secured every member of Congress save one and a legislature that had wrested two Senators from the people. It had squandered or misappropriated, or both, the educational funds of the State. Indeed it had secured, held and exercised power in the State and in Congress, which did not belong to it legitimately, through agencies unjust, indefensible, and in some instances criminal. This has been the attitude and policy of the Democratic party during the last four or five years until the more liberal and right-thinking portion of the people of the State had become thoroughly wearied by the practices and policies of the Conservative party under its severe and unjust domination.

And while on this subject we take the liberty of making an extract from the *Lettera C. H. Noyes* of a recent date, which betrays the real spirit and purpose of the Conservative party at this moment. It is the embodiment of bulldozing and intimidation, and shows that the Conservative party of Virginia has not as yet held aside the wicked methods by which it has heretofore secured and held power. Read it—it is necessary to explain what it means:

He is and he isn't. Now you see it, and now you don't! Perhaps he is a candidate, and perhaps he is not. He will not be, and yet he may. The stater and manager of the *Savoyard* boom speaks thus oraclely of the present attitude and prospect of that boom which was to sweep over the country with a besom:

The editor of this paper is able to state Mr. SEYMOUR's position with as much accuracy as anybody who has up to this time pretended to speak for him.

Mr. SEYMOUR is not a candidate, nor will he ever be a friend to represent him as such.

It is not at all probable that a single delegate will be chosen from New York by the regular convention in his interest.

Yet we have not so much as a doubt that if the Cincinnati Convention should tender him his nomination with practical unanimity he would accept it and be elected.

This presents the case as clear as mud. Everybody now knows just how it is. It is evident that TILDEN's barl has closed its head and lost its charms for the editor who is able to get Mr. SEYMOUR's position down to a dot, for after revealing a vast amount of knowledge on that subject, the organ turns upon TILDEN with the bitterness of a rejetted suitor. It says:

If the Democratic party has no higher object than to gratify Mr. TILDEN, Mr. SEYMOUR will not be nominated; but if it intends to elect the next President he will be.

It matters but little now what the Democrats may do or who they may nominate,

they might as well be taken for "MARTIN"

threatenings even of slaughter, if needs be,

to give success to the Conservative ticket this fall. The people are told distinctly that "the man who expects to live in Virginia had better not vote for a Republican nominee." And it closes with the obligation, "Let Democrats fall upon the enemy," meaning Republicans or anyone else who votes for a Republican nominee, "with the edge of the sword until they are not." There is no misunderstanding such language, and it is on account of the spirit which has borne away so long to secure power in a party which seeks no higher motive for its action than the mere holding of it and its exercise, that the people of Virginia made an alliance on a State issue to overturn that power if possible. The alliance was made. The Conservative party was overcome. The State Legislature passed into other hands. The Bourbon sceptre is broken, and it is strange that those who have contended and labored for such a result should rejoice over the downfall of that dynasty? If it involves any inconsistency we are prepared to bear our share of it. The question of primary importance is to disenthrall the State of Virginia from Bourbon or Conservative rule, and then other reforms and restitutions, if need be, will follow.

In view of such a prospect THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN will rejoice with those who rejoice over so great and important an achievement. If that is inconsistency, we shall no doubt continue to be inconsistent.

NOT FOR US.

A boarding-house for business women is kept in Clinton Place, New York city, by a SALLY LEGGETT. About forty young women have there been installed for some time, but last week their sufferings could be endured no longer, and twenty-five or more of them left. Their sufferings consisted in a lack of substantial food and the serving up of several suspicious dishes under the tempting and euphonious titles of "East India hash," "Cosmopolitan soup," "Oriental stew," etc. The best portions of those dishes were their titles. The ingredients were of a suspicious and ancient character. To flavor them "Time" was used, but the trouble was there was too much time in all the articles—the vegetables old and decayed, and the meats definitely past. Miss SALLY LEGGETT must do better. If she would keep a boarding-house for business women she must remember that the first business should be a table well provided with eatables fresh and good, and then she may hope to succeed. But there must be no more Oriental stews. There is too much China in them. A spoonful would make our dishes rat-tle.

INSECT POWDER.

We publish the following for the information of our agricultural readers:

SUBSTITUTE FOR PERSIAN INSECT POWDER.

The *Industrie Blätter* of Berlin, Germany, use a substance for the well-known Persian powder. This plant, whether fresh or dry, will kill lice, bed-bugs, fleas, moths, beetles and probably other insects. It is also a remedy for mosquito bites and the bites of all other insects. It is a little of the fixture of the plant mixed with the oil of lavender to prevent the bites of insects, but also removes the pain.

If the mixture be mixed with glycerine and rubbed on the skin it will drive the mosquitoes away. If this is a fact, the plant deserves attention.

It is said that General Grant never signed his name "A. Jackson," but always wrote out his first name in full. Here is another reversed precedent upon which General Grant has recklessly trampled another sacred tradition that of the name of Hayes.

It is a well known fact that Hayes, in his campaign, gave up his name to the public, and it is now generally known that he will carry more German Democrat votes than he will lose German Republican.

—Chicago *Press*.

SPARKS FROM THE POLITICAL ANVIL.

Every State that is carried for General Grant as the next Republican nominee for President is claimed by anti-Grant persons to be won over to the side of the party of the progressive, and represents the feelings of the progressive Republicans of Wisconsin better than any other paper in the entire country.

The present pronouncements for Hayes, in his great drama entitled, "Sentenced to Death," and great Marcell Brothers, Blaik and Wade, John and George, and the Russells, the German, Frank Lewis, and our numerous stock company, in one of the grandest scenes of the drama, has elicited this week: Something new, novel and original.

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